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11 July 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Training

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FROM : [REDACTED] Room 1 D 1617, Ext [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT : Vietnam Orientation No. 17,  
19 - 23 June 1967

1. Basic Data

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[REDACTED] including 2 auditors, attended Vietnam Orientation No. 17, 19 - 23 June 1967. The program was conducted in Room 1 A 07 at Headquarters.

2. Course Changes

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There were 5 changes in the program as actually given: on 19 June Mr. [REDACTED] who simply forgot his commitment and took leave that day; on 21 June [REDACTED] replaced [REDACTED] who was called away by a death in his family; on the next day, and also for a personal reason, Mr. [REDACTED] had to be replaced by Mr. [REDACTED] a young man who did a very good job; on 23 June, [REDACTED] replaced Mr. [REDACTED] who, I was told, "went to [REDACTED]" and also on that date, the last day of the Orientation, [REDACTED] who was scheduled to give a wrap-up talk, did not show, and his promise to send [REDACTED] as a replacement did not bear fruit. All in all, for the class as well as myself there were frustrating moments that were none of our making.

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3. Items of Interest

a. Despite the sour note sounded above, this was one of the best classes in recent months, and the success must be attributed to the presence as students of several persons who were very effective in discussion and question-and-answer periods. Especially stimulating were [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] of OTR; also worthy of mention are [REDACTED]

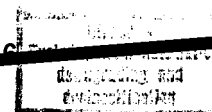
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[REDACTED] In this regard, one critique included this observation: "...I have been told by previous students that the discussions were not always as good as those that occurred in this class."

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b. Among the new talks worthy of note were those by

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[REDACTED] former deputy chief of Vietnam Station, and OTR's [REDACTED] who is currently the Regional Officer in Charge [REDACTED], South

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[REDACTED] was able to convey to the class a better appreciation, than classes can usually get, of the administration of affairs and supervision of personnel at the Station. [REDACTED] home on TDY, was able to give a real current account of a "ROIC," an officer and an office which have become quite significant in the regional handling of Station activities.

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While mentioning speakers, I wish to note that both [REDACTED] received favorable mention in one of the critiques; and two regular members of the V.O. stable, [REDACTED] were twice commended for their efforts.

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c. For what it is worth, the following item on the enrollment process is submitted: the roster as sent in by [REDACTED] on 13 June contained 14 names; by the end of the first day of class, the group had grown to [REDACTED] but 2 men failed the medical and one fellow's wife was delivered of a baby, and hence we were shaken down to and stabilized at a roster of [REDACTED]

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#### 4. Critiques

I shall forego any reporting on the critiques this month. They differed not substantially from those of earlier months.

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Chief, Orientation and  
Briefing Officer

#### ATTACHMENTS

Student Roster

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